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Yellow Springs July th 12th / 63.

Dear Brother,

You said in your letter that you had not heard from us for some time. The week of commencement we had so much company that we could not get time to write Mr & Mrs McKill Capt Whiter & daughter & Mrs Walter and then this week we did not know what to do whether to write or not making of terrible battle you have had but we concluded to write any way.

We received a letter from Cousin Mary yesterday Warner is at Vicksburg she has not heard from him since the battle Charles Taylor was in the battle at Winchester they saw his name

in the paper as missing they have
not heard any thing since and
several more from this place
are missing. You spoke in your
last letter about Capt Morey his
being dismissed from the service.
I think it was to bad to dismiss
him for that battle when others
can come home and stay as long
as they want to here is Fox here
yet doing nothing I heard that
they wrote for him two weeks ago
~~but~~ to come as quick as he could
and he has not gone yet he has
waited till all the battles are over
I heard that he is going to leave
in the morning. I hope so
because I am tired of seeing him
loafing around while the rest
of the boys are off fighting and
he ought to be there with his
company. Channing White is here
at New Totten he came last night

to stay two or three days Jennie
was up to commencement but she
went back the same day she is
coming up often while and stay
three or four weeks I have not
seen her since last summer
till then she looks so natural
as ever.

Monday Morning July 18th

There is a great excite-
ment this morning the news come
that Morgan is within 5 miles
of Cincinnati there was an
extra train sent up this
morning after all the able
bodied men and their are
more going at twelve o'clock
I am just glad of it for nothing
else would start them then
to have him after them I don't
feel a bit of some of the girls

one scored halfe to death
We all went to the train to see
them start, it is not like
seeing the soldiers start off
I shouldnt wonder if they would
all come i back to night
like they did the other time
They went out down at noon
and come back at night Will I
believe I have written all the news
that I know of so I will close
Mary is now to Enos this week
or she would y written perhaps
she will write from there,

Your Affectional Sister
Ally Ladley